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SUBJECT: SPECIAL AIRLIFT JANUARY 1977

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1. I PROPOSE PLANNING COMMENCE FOR ONE-TIME SPECIAL C-141 AIRLIFT
MISSION TO ASMARA TARGETTED FOR MID-JANUARY.

2. ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL SUCCESSFUL AIRLIFT OF SUPPLIES TO
ASMARA CONSUMMATED ON SEPT 6 WHICH BROUGHT 12 TONS OF SUPPLIES
AND LIFTED OUT SPECIALIZED CARGO FOR USE ELSEWHERE. ALL PARTICI-
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PANTS AGREED THAT THIS AIRLIFT WAS DISTINGUISHED BY THE
EFFICIENCY WITH WHICH THE CARGO WAS OFF-LOADED AND LOADED,
AND THE THOROUGHNESS OF THE SECURITY PROVIDED. I UNDERSTAND THAT
SINCE THAT DATE, QUANTITIES OF ADDITIONAL GOODS AND SUPPLIES
HAVE ACCUMULATED THAT NEED TO BE MOVED BOTH INTO AND OUT OF
KAGNEW STATION.

3. I ASSUME CRITICAL FEATURE OF THIS PROPOSAL IS ADEQUATE JUSTIFICATION TO PRESENT TO EPMG AUTHORITIES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN CLEARANCES FOR A SPECIAL ONE-TIME MISSION. BELIEVE THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED USING TWO-PRONGED ARGUMENT TO MOD OF (A) OUTSIZE CARGO AND (B) VAST AMOUNT OF COMMERCIAL CARGO ALREADY BACKLOGGED IN ADDIS WHICH EAL IS VALIANTLY TRYING TO MOVE BY MEANS OF EXTRA FLIGHTS, SCHEDULED FREIGHT, AND PRIORITY TREATMENT. OUR JUSTIFICATION TO ETHI AUTHORITIES WOULD CITE (A) NEED TO AIRLIFT ADDITIONAL ANTENNA CABLE (POSITIONED IN ATHENS) AND QUANTITIES OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: AND (B) SIZEABLE AMOUNT OF OTHER SUPPLIES FROM EUROPE WHICH EAL SIMPLY UNABLE TO MOVE TO ASMARA IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT INABILITY OF EAL OR EAF TO HANDLE LARGE REELS OF ANTENNA CABLE WAS APPARENTLY CRUCIAL FACTOR IN OBTAINING EPMG PERMISSION FOR SEPT 6 AIRLIFT. ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR MORE ANTENNA CABLE IS NOT URGENT, NEVERTHELESS IT WOULD SEEM TO PROVIDE THE PERSUASIVE TYPE OF JUSTIFICATION TO THE EPMG THAT PROVED SO EFFECTIVE LAST AUGUST-SEPTEMBER. IN ADDITION, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS NEEDED, SUCH AS SHEET PLYWOOD AND LUMBER, ARE BULKY AND AWKWARD TO HANDLE AS COMMERCIAL AIR CARGO. THIS ARGUMENT COULD BE REINFORCED BY REFERENCE TO EXTENSIVE BACKLOGGING OF COMMERCIAL FREIGHT ALREADY CONSIGNED TO EAL THAT WILL PROBABLY TAKE ANOTHER 6 TO 8 WEEKS TO REDUCE. (EAL REGIONAL MANAGER IN ADDIS TOLD ME AS OF END OF NOVEMBER HE EXPECTED EXTRA EAL CARGO FLIGHTS TO CONTINUE FOR AT LEAST 3 MONTHS TO WORK ON FREIGHT BACKLOG ACCUMULATED IN ADDIS.)

4. KAGNEW STATION HAS A \$100,000 13.5 TON BOOM CRANE, AS WELL AS VARIETY OF OTHER EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES THAT ARE EXCESS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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SHOULD BE SHIPPED OUT. I RECOMMEND HOWEVER THAT OUTGOING CARGO BE DEEMPHASIZED, UNIDENTIFIED, AND UNMENTIONED TO EPMG IF POSSIBLE.

5. AS BEFORE, THERE WOULD BE NO PRIOR PUBLICITY AND PLANS FOR AIRLIFT SHOULD BE CLOSELY HELD ON NEED-TO-KNOW BASIS. AFTER AIRLIFT IS COMPLETED WE WOULD, AS BEFORE, QUIETLY LET IT BE KNOWN TO OUR CONTACTS LOCALLY THAT PURPOSE OF MISSION WAS SOLELY LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR KAGNEW STATION. THIS FORULA WORKED BEFORE.

6. THIS MESSAGE COORDINATED WITH CO, NAVCOMMUNIT.
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